



knightly news

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knight's of columbus

michael j. costello council # 6043

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grand knight's message



Brothers,

I'm trying to gather my thoughts as I write my last Knights letter as your Grand Knight. The only phrase that keeps coming to mind is "The days are long but the years are short". The whole Grand Knight experience has been great and one that now I am glad that I took on. The friendships that have grown over the years are ones that I will always cherish. Working with Brad Schieferstein and his family on the crab feed has been a delight. Gina and the girls are special people and getting to know the whole family has truly been an honor. I was proud to be part of a Council that grew and rallied around the many causes that we have taken on, some of which have not been easy or have been controversial. A few Knights have left our council for various reasons but many more have joined in the past two years. We have seen our council become younger in age and more diverse in cultural backgrounds. Like our parish, we are a welcoming council and welcoming of all who call

CCOP home. The officers have worked hard these past 2 years and with their vision and prodding we have set our council up for many years of growth, and are allowing our council to stay true to who we are.

Over the past 2 years I have spoken with many of you personally. I have heard your stories of the good times, the bad times, and the sad times. All of you have touched my heart in ways you will never know. This past year as we have tried to help our fellow Brothers in need, it has been so rewarding to watch this council join together to help each other. With all the hate that seems to be in this world, it has been so life giving to me to see this council put its money, time, and talent to helping our fellow Brother. I continue to be amazed at all of you that chair the same event every year and your love of doing it. I thank you and hope you will continue for years to come. My only suggestion is to get our new Knights involved in these events.

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second year trustee

PGK Greg Jones484-3379

third year trustee

PGK Ray Kelly417-1992

grand knight's letter cont'd

My thanks to Greg Jones and the 1st degree team for the great job they did this past month in the first degree. We welcomed 12 new Brothers to the council. This team has always met the call to welcome new members to our council. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Vacation Bible School this June as we once again do the cooking.

The June meeting will have elections for our new slate of Officers. Please plan on attending. I want to thank Ron Hebron and Tim Mullane for all they have done for me and our council. Rich Goddu played a large part in our membership being up last year. For that I am very grateful. Tim Mullane did the same this year in growing our membership. Ron will be a great Grand Knight. He is now ready and willing to lead this council. I believe that he will take our council to the next level. I hope you will support him and work with him to continue what I and all the Grand Knights before him have worked toward "The Good of the Council".

May God bless you and your families this summer season and keep you safe. May we never forget all the blessings that we have and our willingness to share them. Thank You for the past 2 years.

Mark Kotch

Cell Phone: 925-989-1581

coming events

04 June	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
07 June	Donut Social; after the morning Masses
11 June	Business Meeting; 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
26 June	Vacation Bible School BBQ

welcome to new and returning brothers

Jerry Annicchero	John Casey	Anthony Cravotta
Serrano Yonson	Peter Sugiarto	Anthony Cravotta II
Scott Cumberland	Ken Kremer	John Moore
Jim Garrido	David Brilliant	Fr. Willaim Rozario
Chris Fakok, OP	Kevin Conway	Rich Shinn

Michael J. Costello Council #6043

**8th Annual Knights of Columbus - Weekend
Retreat
September 11– 13 / 2009**

St. Clare's Retreat House

Our Lady of the Angles

Santa Cruz Mountains

For those of you who have never attended, we hope you will join us. As Brothers we come together in discussions about life and the world we live in. We pray, share meals and go where God's leads us. It's a fraternal weekend that should not be missed. It is one of my favorite activities each year. Our retreat will kick off with dinner on Friday evening (Sept 11th) and finalize with a noon lunch on Sunday (Sept 13th). Come early (After Lunch) and relax. Once again we will be Carpooling **as needed. The cost for the weekend remains at a modest \$125.00 that includes all meals and a private room. Reservations are 1st come 1st served.**

Questions contact:

John Rabada 846-4280 (jrabada@comcast.net) or

Mike Machi 462-9765 (mmachi@mricareers.com)

Recent activities: fiesta dinner



See the Council Web Site at
www.kofc6043.org for more
photos of our recent activities.

a Brother in need

IF you have been in our council for at least 5 years, you probably remember brother Jesse Stansbury, our former insurance agent. When I first met Jesse, I couldn't help but be impressed. He was a leader, passionate about our order and full of good ideas. Always eager to participate he joined in many council and fund raising activities. He stayed for a brief time (2 years) and was transferred to the Santa Rosa area. This area needed a dynamic agent to cover a very large territory and turn it around. Unfortunately, with a slowing economy, high gasoline prices and huge miles between councils Jesse had a difficult time selling insurance. HE resigned his position a year ago and headed East back to Maryland the state of his childhood.

Soon after arriving he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, a potential deadly disease that required him to cease work permanently. Jesse also for years has been coping with a diabetic condition requiring insulin shots.

He has successfully applied for disability insurance and started receiving it last month. However he has accumulated a significant amount of debt while living frugally on \$800/mos. from insurance residuals. He obtains his insulin from a free medical clinic and supplements his nutritional needs utilizing a food pantry. He lives in his R.V. and the owner of the park has been very patient and understanding with his financial condition. As of this writing he is 3 months in arrears on rent.

Our council has declined to help him due to the large number of existing members who have lost their jobs and need assistance. Because Jesse has touched me with his friendship I want to bring his story directly to each brother within our council and ask for your support. I know we all face difficult, economic times but Jesse is a special person and a unique dedicated brother knight. He deserves our support if we have the means to do so.

There are two ways in which you can facilitate your gift. If you want to send your donation directly to Jesse, his address is: 35A East George St. Walkersville MD 21793

If you want to remain anonymous you can mail your check directly to Jesse's account at: Bank of America #2 West Main St. Thurman Md 21788 acct.#446004439037. If you are a B. of A. customer and you want to make a deposit within your branch you must include his routing # 052001633 in addition to his account #.

In any case please keep Jesse in your prayers. If you decide to help him please try to do so by July 1

Should you have any questions/comments I can be reached @ 925 846 5124 or by email: lousantero@yahoo.com

officer nominations

GK Ron Hebron
Chaplain Fr. Jerrold Kennedy
DGK Tim Mulane
Chancellor Alan Schulze
Treasurer Mark Worrell
Recorder Mike Hewitt
Warden Jeff Tiechnor
Lector Mike Machi
Advocate Brad Schieferstein
Inside Guard #1 John Rabada
Inside Guard #2 Earnie Santos
Inside Guard #3 Jim Garber
Outside Guard #1 Gene Dove
Outside Guard #2 Bob Aberle
First Year Trustee Mark Kotch
Second Year Trustee Tony Ferlazzo
Third Year Trustee Greg Jones

Other Positions:

Financial Secretary Joe Balestreri
Newsletter Editor Bob Dompe
Director-Youth Cameron Andrus
Director-Church Mike Burns
Director-Community Bill Jorgensen
Director-Fraternity Ron Hansen
Director-Family Tim Tuttle

K of C Progressive Dinner Saturday, August 15, 2009

Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Dessert 9:30 pm - ???

It's that time of year again!

For those of you who have never joined us in a Progressive Dinner, you're in for a real treat!

To be a HOST home, you provide the entrée for two or three other couples (the number of couples depends on what you are comfortable with). Please let us know if you are interested in being a host home.

As a GUEST, you will be asked by your host to bring either an hors d'oeuvre for cocktail hour or a salad, vegetable, etc., for dinner.

Once we know who wants to be a host and who will be attending as guests, we will assign specific guests to specific hosts. Everyone will be advised who they are assigned to approximately one week prior to the dinner.

In the past, these dinners have provided good fun, good friendship, and especially, *good food!*

Please RSVP to Marcia Berardi (847-9300) by Saturday, August 1, so we have enough time to set-up the individual groups and notify all participants. See you there!

employment – knights helping knights

Let's keep our unemployed brother knights and their families in our prayers.

Should you need coaching, direction, inspiration or motivation on your job search, I'm available!

I also remind you that our CCOP Job Connections Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday 3:30 PM – 5 PM each month at St Elizabeth Seton – Room A

Mike Machi – 462-8579 – mmachi@mricareers.com

koc council shirts

Brother Knights,

As you know, when a new knight is accepted into the Council, we order a blue polo shirt to be embroidered with the KC coat of arms for him. The shirt is ready to be delivered at the next meeting.

There are several shirts made ready for our new brothers that have not been picked up.

If you have recently joined our Council and not received your shirt, please call me so we can arrange to get your shirt to you.

My phone number is (925) 846-8766, email HALBMAX@AOL.COM.

Hal Wilson

notes from the newsletter editor

Your comments on the Council website are solicited. Take a look at www.kofc6043.org

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If you have submitted an entry to the Prayer Requests on the following page, please review the list to determine if your entry is correct and is still current. Please contact the Newsletter Editor for any corrections, deletions and additions.

Thank you.

prayer list

Let us pray for our brother knights and their families and friends

For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:

Vito Brino— Friend of Brothers Mike Catrina & George Mirande

John Boyer— Friend of Brother Ron Hansen

Al Rosenberg— Friend of Brother Michael Burns

Albert Jones—Friend of Brother Michael Burns

Val Jones— Mother of PGK Greg Jones

Carol Christopher— Aunt of Brother Brian McKeever

Jericho Suarez— Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatchalian

Nancy Struther—Friend of Brother Mike Catrina

John Boyce— Friend of Brother Ron Hanson

Del Naranjo— Wife of Brother Angel Naranjo

Ulises Garcia—Son of Brother Victor Garcia

Sy & Remmy Unpingco— Parents of Brother Paul Unpingco

Dave & Shirley Hintz— In-Laws of Brother Paul Unpingco

Alan Tichenor—Father of Brother Jeff Tichenor

Renee Hewitt—Mother of Brother Mike Hewitt

Bernice Malino— Mother-in-law of Brother Mike Hewitt

Paul Malino— Father-in-law of Brother Mike Hewitt

Doug Bosma—Friend of PGK Lou Santero

Katie Machi—Grandaughter of PGK Mike Machi

Renate Witzel—Sister-in-Law of PGK Dave Melander

Anthony Ferlazzo, Sr— Father of PGK Tony Ferlazzo

Debbie Barbone—Friend of PGK Tony Ferlazzo

Betty Woodard— Sister of Brother Tom Hanky

Velda McGarvey— Grandmother-in-Law of Brother Tim Mullane

Jan Kowery— Sister of Brother Tim Mullane

Conchi Balestreri— PGK Joe Balestreri's Grandmother

Rashawna Balestreri—PGK Joe Balestreri's wife

Ronald Deaver— Brother Of Audrey Costa

Koko Suarez— Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatachalian

Aloysius Atuegbu—Brother of Brother Andy Atuegbu

Family of Brother Andy Atuegbu

Fr. Emil Wesselsky—Cousin of Brother Gene Dove

Steven Ross—Friend of Brother Bob Aberle

Roger Grace— Friend of Brother Chuck Bellavia

John O'Hara—Friend of Brother Mike Fazzio

Carol Christopher— Aunt of Brother Brian McKeever

Julie Steeves— Sister of Brother Tim Tuttle

Elena Salvador— Mother of a Candidate

Bro. Tom Gleason's **Niece**

George Mirande

Brother Bill Jorgenson

Brother Gabe Kralic

Brother John Greene

Brother James Willows

Brother Paul Hill

PGK Bob Young

PGK George Leja

PGK Rich Garcia

Guadalupe Garcia—Wife of PGK Rich Garcia

Rev. Dan Danielson— Retired CCOP Pastor

Jesse Stansberry—Past Field Agent

Fr. Tony Herrera—Past Chaplin of this Council

Sr. Mary Frances—Saint Clare's Retreat House

Lourdes Henson— Grandmother of Brother Christian Dungo

Rita Wilson—Sister of Past Chaplin Jim Sullivan

For those who are deceased we pray that they will join in the love of God:

Margaret Gilliland— Mother-In-Law Of Brother Dave Jones

Jerry Anyagafu—Family friend of Brother Andy Atuegbu

For all who are serving in the military we pray:

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.

Timothy Dinneen— Nephew of former District Deputy Vince Dinneen

Bro. Joseph Languemi's Son **Joseph Languemi, Jr.** who set out for the war zone September 8th

For the following special intentions we pray:

For All The Widows Of Our Brother Knights

For all of Our Religious Orders throughout the world.

For peace throughout the world. (Especially In The Middle East)

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